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SUBJECT: TIME AFRICA/MID EAST NEWS TOUR

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1. THE TIME AFRICA/MID EAST NEWS TOUR, A GROUP OF SOME 60 PROMINENT AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND TIME, INC. OFFICIALS, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SFM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28. THE GROUP HAS ALREADY MADE PLANS TO TRAVEL VIA IDF HELICOPTER TO CHECKPOINT BRAVO, ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M. THAT DAY. THEY WILL HAVE ABOUT TWO HOURS FOR BRIEFINGS ON SFM OPERATIONS AND VISITS TO MISSION INSTALLATIONS, DEPARTING
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BRAVO BY HELICOPTER AT 4:00/4:30 P.M. FOR BIR GIFGAFA.

2. THE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING BY DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN ON THE SINAI AND ISRAEL'S SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS EARLIER THAT DAY. NEITHER WEIZMAN NOR IDF ESCORTS PLAN TO ACCOMPANY GROUP ON SFM VISIT. THE GROUP WILL BE BRIEFED BY GAMASY IN CAIRO

THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. REQUEST SFM DIRECTOR COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND UN TO OBTAIN PERMISSIONS FOR THE GROUP'S VISIT TO BUFFER ZONE. THE GROUP WILL ALSO NEED SFM TRANSPORT FROM BRAVO TO BASE CAMP, WITHIN EARLY WARNING AREA, AND BACK TO BRAVO. NO MEAL WILL BE REQUIRED.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IS BEING HANDCARRIED BY KEVIN J. CONNORS. THERE COULD BE A FEW LAST MINUTE CHANGES, ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS UNLIKELY TO EXCEED 60.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF YOU PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEM IN ARRANGING THIS VISIT AS TENTATIVELY PLANNED. THE GROUP LEAVES WASHINGTON FRIDAY, MARCH 17. CHRISTOPHER

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